

February 18, 1976

MEMO FOR FILING:

Re: Kaiser Aluminum  
Bonneville Ltd. Plant  
Wendover, Utah

A "Notice of Intent" with the reclamation plan for brine collection and evaporation facilities, was submitted to the Division on February 9, 1976, and an investigation into the operation located East of Wendover has commenced.

Contradiction seemed evident between the production plan submitted by Kaiser and a letter from the U.S.G.S. permitting the construction of new ponds. Specifically, the production plan calls for reopening of the old Saldero collection ditch North of Highway Interstate 80 and the U.S.G.S. letter approves the new pond system providing that no reopening of the old collection ditches will be performed North of I 80.

Possibly the concern about brine collection North of I 80 stems from probable impacts on the worlds record speed course. At this point however, no evidence is sufficient enough to say that brine collection is directly affecting the thickness or stability of the race course. A field inspection of the evaporation pond system has been planned for February 19th.

For information, the U.S.G.S. Water Resources section is now  $\frac{1}{4}$  the way through a two year study to determine if brine is being drained from other than the leased lands on the Salt Flats. The Division has been invited to the next briefing on the progress of this study. Mr. Greg Lyons is the principal investigator for this project.

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